

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Rick Laible, on April 15, 2009 at 3:40  
P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Dan McGee (R)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 38, 4/14/2009

Executive Action: SR 38

**HEARING ON SR 38**

00:02:19 Chairman Laible stepped down to present the nominee as sponsor and Vice Chairman Ripley took the position as chair.

00:02:33 John Edwards

00:02:42 Vice Chairman Ripley

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:53 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SR 38, Confirm appointee, John Edwards, to Board of Public Education.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:43 Patti Keebler, Governor's Office

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00:06:02 Steve Meloy, Montana Board of Public Education (BPE)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:46 Vice Chairman Ripley

00:06:56 John Edwards

00:09:29 Sen. McGee

00:11:05 John Edwards

00:11:20 Sen. McGee

00:11:24 John Edwards

00:12:26 Sen. McGee

00:12:35 Sen. Zinke

00:12:45 John Edwards

00:12:49 Sen. Zinke

00:13:32 John Edwards

00:15:46 Sen. Zinke

00:16:16 John Edwards

00:16:20 Sen. Zinke

00:17:16 John Edwards

00:19:00 Sen. Zinke

00:19:53 John Edwards

00:21:35 Sen. Zinke

00:21:43 Sen. Branae

00:22:28 John Edwards

00:22:34 Sen. Branae

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00:23:06 John Edwards  
00:25:24 Sen. Branae  
00:25:39 Sen. Hawks  
00:25:55 Sen. Edwards  
00:26:52 Sen. Hawks  
00:27:06 John Edwards  
00:27:16 Sen. Hawks  
00:27:43 John Edwards  
00:29:27 Sen. Hawks  
00:29:37 John Edwards  
00:30:18 Sen. Hawks  
00:30:28 Sen. Brown  
00:30:37 John Edwards  
00:30:38 Sen. Brown  
00:31:18 John Edwards  
00:32:22 Sen. Brown  
00:32:40 John Edwards  
00:33:01 Sen. Brown  
00:33:11 Sen. Hamlett  
00:33:21 John Edwards  
00:33:31 Sen. McGee left the hearing.  
00:34:02 Sen. Hamlett  
00:34:08 John Edwards  
00:34:55 Sen. Hamlett  
00:35:13 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:35:23 John Edwards  
00:35:33 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:35:44 John Edwards  
00:36:55 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy  
00:37:10 John Edwards  
00:38:40 Chairman Laible  
00:39:41 John Edwards  
00:41:02 Chairman Laible  
00:41:15 Vice Chairman Ripley  
00:41:27 Chairman Laible  
00:41:42 Vice Chairman Ripley  
00:42:04 John Edwards  
00:42:12 Sen. Zinke  
00:42:15 Chairman Laible

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

Additional Exhibit:

**EXHIBIT** (eds80a02)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 38**

00:42:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ripley moved that **SR 38 BE ADOPTED.**  
**MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by roll call vote with Sen.  
McGee voting by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:25 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([eds80aad.pdf](#))**